

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
Attorney Docket Q62184

5. (Amended) [Method] A method according to claim 4, characterized in that said first predetermined place is a location within said Physical Layer Operation and Maintenance (PLOAM) cells reserved for [so-called] non-idle grants as specified in the ITU-T Recommendation G.983.1, whereas said second predetermined place is a location within said Physical Layer Operation and Maintenance (PLOAM) cells reserved to idle grants as specified in the ITU-T Recommendation G.983.1.


**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

After the heading, delete the title in its entirety.

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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